Aircraft Company in Suit Charges C.I.A. Used It as Cover for Spying

ARLINGTON, Tex., Nov. 28 (UPI) — Agent of the Central Intelligence Agency illegally used an aircraft company as a cover for spying and drove the concern to the brink of bankruptcy when the cover was disclosed, according to the former head of the company.

Dr. Lynn Bollinger, chairman of the General Aircraft Corporation of Massachusetts from 1954 to 1971 and now a professor at the University of Texas at Arlington, told the Dallas Times-Herald that the company had filed a $25 million damage claim against the C.I.A. to recoup losses attributed to the agency's unauthorized use of the company name.

The complaint, which has no legal status, charged that the agency used the name of Helio Aircraft, a General Aircraft subsidiary, as a cover for its operations in the Congo, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

The C.I.A. declined to comment on the charges.

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